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The Platform Ford Will Run On

What finally emerged, after dispute and compromise, was a sharp contrast to the Democratic platform. Republicans call for less Government, less spending. For the most part, it's a Ford platform. One exception: a Reagan plank on foreign policy that Ford accepted for party unity.

The Republican Party platform adopted on August 18 makes the following pledges on major issues:

EXCERPT

★ NATIONAL DEFENSE ★

Maintain "a superior national defense" as "the fundamental condition for a secure America and for peace and freedom for the world."

"Our national-defense effort will include the continuation of the major modernization program for our strategic-missile and bomber forces, the development of a new intercontinental ballistic missile, a new missile-launching submarine force, and a modern bomber—the B-1."

"We will increase our Army to 16 divisions, reinforce our program of producing new tanks and other armored vehicles, and support the development of new, highly accurate precision weapons."

Maintain "a major shipbuilding program, with an adequate balance between nuclear and nonnuclear ships."

Restore "effectiveness of the intelligence community."